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ORDINANCE NO. 449

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS; CHAPTER 98 (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS) SECTION I (GENERAL CONDITIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS TO DELETE PARAGRAPH G AND RE-ENACT WITH AMENDED TEXT RELATING TO REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR CAUSE AND GENERALLY RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners created Chapter 98 of the St. Michaels Code to contain all of the boards, commissions, committees, and panels created by the Commissioners so that the membership requirements, duties and functions of these boards, commissions, committees, and panels is easily accessed; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioners of the Town of St. Michaels (the “Commissioners”) to amend Chapter 98 of the Code of the Town of St. Michaels by making textual changes to Paragraph G to eliminate the requirement for a public hearing prior to removal from a Board by the Town Commissioners except as otherwise required under the Annotated Code, Title 2 (Planning Commission) and Title 4 (Board of Appeals); and

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated above the Commissioners deem it in the interest of the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Town, and for the good government of the Town, to enact the following Ordinance.

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS that Chapter 98 (Boards, Commissions, Committees and Panels), Section 1 (General Provisions) of the Code of the Town of St. Michaels is hereby amended as follows, with new language shown in *italics* and underlined and deleted language shown in ((double parentheses)) and as a ~~strikethrough~~:

§98-1 General Conditions.

Unless otherwise stated in the subsection below, all boards, commissions, committees and panels, hereafter “the board(s) named in this chapter shall adhere to and be governed by the following rules:

- A. The meetings of all boards shall be open to the public, unless the conditions and qualifications of Maryland Code, State Government Article §10-508(a), are met.
- B. Notice of the meetings of all boards shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Administration Building (town Office).
- C. Each of the boards shall keep minutes, and a copy of the minutes shall be deposited with the Town Manager.

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D. The boards shall adopt written rules of procedure to govern their meetings or shall follow those of the Commissioners of St. Michaels to the extent that they apply.

E. Vacancies on the boards occurring otherwirse than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Town Commissioners in the manner specified for original appointments.

F. All members of the boards shall serve as such without compensation, unless the Commissioners by resolution, determine that appropriate compensation should be made to the members.

~~((G Members of boards may be removed by the Town Commissioners for cause, pon written charges and after public hearing))~~

G. Members of boards may be removed by the Town Commissioners for cause, upon written charges. (Cause: inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office)

No public hearing will be conducted unless required under the Annotated Code of Maryland Title 2 (Planning) and Title 4(Board of Appeals).

H. Members of boards are subject to all provisions of this Code, including Chapter 22 (Ethics).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its enactment, having been read at two (2) meetings of The Commissioners of St. Michaels and having been passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels.

HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED, read for the first time and ordered posted on the Town bulletin board at the Public Meeting of The Commissioners of St. Michaels held on the 14th day of May, 2014, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., in the meeting room at the Town Office, St. Michaels, Maryland.

JEAN R. WEISMAN
Town Clerk\Manager

(SEAL)

HAVING BEEN READ for the second time and passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels at a Public Meeting of The Commissioners of St. Michaels held on this 28th day of May, 2014, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., in the meeting room of the Town Office, St. Michaels, Maryland.

